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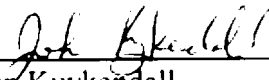
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Secretary's Office
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. & Pine Belt PCS, Inc.
Fourth Quarter 2003 TTY Status Report – CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc., and Pine Belt PCS, Inc., hereby submit a Joint TTY Status Report for the fourth quarter 2003, pursuant to the Commission's directive in the *Fourth Report and Order* (released December 14, 2000) and Order (released June 28, 2002)¹ in this docket.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

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Attachment

¹ *In the Matter of Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems*, Order, CC Docket 94-102, para. 24 (rel. June 28, 2002) (Commission requiring that quarter reports continue for carriers seeking additional time).

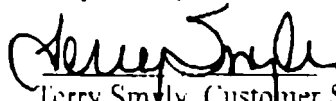
PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC. & PINE BELT PCS, INC.
TTY STATUS REPORT
JANUARY 15, 2004

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. and Pine Belt PCS, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless" or "Companies") have requested waiver of the FCC's requirement for digital wireless carriers to obtain all software upgrades and equipment necessary to make their systems capable of transmitting 911 calls from TTY devices (the "TTY Rule"). The Amended Petition seeks a temporary waiver of the TTY Rule, until May 23, 2004.

In April 2003, Pine Belt Wireless reported that it had received approval for a Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loan to provide funding for necessary software upgrades to comply with the TTY Rule and other Commission mandates and that approval of the loan was contingent on several factors.² In its Amended Petition, Pine Belt Wireless reported that the Companies had fulfilled some of the requirements of the loan including submission of all necessary documents to RUS and completion of a major transaction necessary for the internal reorganization.³ The Companies also reported that according to RUS procedures, RUS must first review and approve the information regarding the switch upgrade before Lucent can issue a final price for the upgrade.⁴

Pine Belt Wireless hereby reports that RUS has given its approval for the negotiation of a contract for the switch upgrade with Lucent. Pine Belt Wireless reports that it has sent the necessary specifications to Lucent and is in the final stages of negotiating the contract. The Companies anticipate sending the final contract to RUS for its approval within the next few weeks. Lucent has indicated that it will be able to make the necessary upgrades within ninety days after RUS approves the contract. Accordingly, as of this date, Pine Belt Wireless anticipates having the switch upgrades completed by the April 2004 timeframe.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Smyly, Customer Service Manager
Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.
Pine Belt PCS, Inc.

¹ See Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Section 20.18(c) of the Commission's Rules and the Deadlines Established in the Fourth Report and Order, CC Docket No. 94-102, filed June 28, 2002 ("Petition"). The Petition was amended on January 15, 2003 and on October 15, 2003 ("Amended Petition"). The Amended Petition remains pending at the Commission.

² See Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc., Update of First Quarter 2003 TTY Status Report - CC Docket No. 94-102, filed April 25, 2003.

³ Amended Petition at 3.

⁴ *Id.* at 3-4.